पूरे देश में किया है उस अफसर के खिलाफ आप ने क्या एक्शन लिया है?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: As far as this particular bank is concerned, I would not like to prejudice the course of investigation by CBI by making any comments. As far as frauds generally are concerned, I have already said that I will take a meeting of Chief Vigilance Officers of all nationalised banks to see that provisions are implemented to the hilt.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Number of frauds are taking place in nationalised banks throughout the country. Is the Government thinking of establishing a separate investigating agency for all nationalised banks?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: We do not find it necessary.

डा० बापू कालदाते: सभापति जी, मराठी में एक कहावत है :—

"चोराला सोडुन सन्यास्थाला फांसी"

मैं शंकरराव जी के लिये कह रहा हूं। इसमें सवाल यह है कि इंदौर बैंक में जिस प्रधान लिपिक मि० सी० एल० वर्मा, (C.L. verma) ने शिकायत की, उनकी सर्विस बीस साल हो गई थी। उन्होंने शिकायत की और उसका नतीजा यह हुआ कि उनको नौकरी से हटा दिया गया और जिनके खिलाफ शिकायत थी उनका केवल वार्निंग देकर छोड़ दिया गया। यह ऐसा है कि सन्यासी को फांसी दे दी और चोर को माफ कर दिया। इस तरह का रवैया सरकार ने अख्तयार किया है। हम यह चाहते हैं कि उन लोगों के ऊपर तो आप कार्यवाही करिये ही लेकिन जिस निर्दोष आदमी को आपने निकाल दिया है, जिसके ऊपर अन्याय हुआ है, उसके बारे में आप क्या कर रहे हैं?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण: खबर देने वाला सन्यासी है, मैं डा० बापू कालदाते साहब जी राय से मुत्तफिक हूं। इसके बारे में जानकारी ली जायेगी। उसने सिर्फ खबर दी, इसलिये उसको हटाया गया है, अगर ऐसा है तो जरूर इसके ऊपर कार्यवाही करेंगे।

Decision of Jharkhand Coordination Committee to declare autonomy for Jharkhand

*103. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:†

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jharkhand Coordination Committee which is presently spearheading the separate Statehood movement has decided to unilaterally declare autonomy for Jharkhand on January 1, next; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to available information, the Jharkhand Coordination Committee decided at its Conference held from 11th to 13th September, 1988 that if the Government of India did not create Jharkhand State by the end of 1988, a provisional Government of Jharkhand would be formed.

(b) Such demands arise on account of economic imbalances. The Government is of the view that such imbalances in any particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning for development and that creation of a separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

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†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chitta Basu.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, I think the hon. Minister knows that Dr. Kesri, who is one of the leading lights of the Jharkhand movement, has publicly stated—I quote "Nothing short of a separate Statehood would satisfy the leaders of the JCC" May I also further know whether the Government had, at any point of time, approached the JCC with a proposal of granting union territory status to Jharkhand and whether that proposal was communicated to the leaders of the movement through Dr. Ram Dayal Munda, former Vice-Chancellor of Ranchi University? If so, what has been the reaction of the leaders of the Jharkhand movement to this proposal?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: What proposal?

SHRI CHITTA BASU: The proposal was that you were agreeable to discuss with them on the basis of a proposal of giving the status of a union territory instead of full Statehood. I would like to know whether such a proposal was made through Dr. Munda, former Vice-Chancellor of Ranchi University. If so, what was the basis of this proposal and in view of the fact that they have made a categorical statement that they will unilaterally declare Statehood on the 1st January, what action you propose to take to meet the situation?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the hon. Member's question falls in three parts. The answer to the first part is, we are aware of Dr. Kesri's speech at the conference and the statements he made therein. The answer to the second part is a categorical 'no'. The answer to the third part is, we are carefully watching the situation. Although this demand has been made at the conference, we do not think that they will carry out this threat. The situation is being watched and whatever steps have to be taken will be taken.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: In the reply it has been stated "Such demands arise on account of economic imbalances". It is true that such kinds of demands generally arise out of economic imbalances. Government also agrees with this. May I know from the hon. Minister what specific steps have so far been taken in regard to development in the socio-economic as well as in other spheres in this region namely, parts of Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and also Orissa? What specific steps the Union Government have so far taken to remove these economic imbalances? Does the Government propose to have a conference of the Chief Ministers?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am grateful for this question. It gives me an opportunity to state what has been done. In November 1986 the Home Minister wrote to the Chief Ministers of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, emphasizing the need to take a large number of steps to remove the economic imbalances in the area. The Chief Ministers have responded favourably. They have outlined steps which are being taken. Following this, a study team was constituted to go into the area where the demand has arisen and to suggest a number of measures. The study team has since submitted its report. The Committee of Secretaries have considered the report on the 31st August, 1987. They have outlined an 8-point programme. This 8-point programme has been communicated to the State Governments and the State Governments have been asked to draft their own programme in the light of the 8-point programme. Ministries and departments of the Government of India have been asked to formulate programmes based on the 8-point programme. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has already submitted a draft programme which will be implemented in 1988-89. Government of Bihar has submitted a report on the programme that they are implementing. Certainly, the suggestion to call a meeting of the

Chief Ministers is a good suggestion. At the appropriate time we shall consider the sugguestion.

डा० जगन्नाथ मिश्र : सभापति महोदय मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह बात सही है कि राम दयाल मुंडा जी ने गृह मंत्री श्री बूटा सिंह के कहने पर इस आन्दोलन के संबंध में एक पूर्ण विवरण प्रस्तुत किया था और उन्होंने उपाय भी सुझाए थे उन सुझावों में से किसी सुझाव पर कोई कार्यान्वयन हुआ है? दूसरा मुद्दा यह है कि क्या यह बात सही है कि उस क्षेत्र के लिए जो विकास प्राधिकार बने हुए हैं रांची, उत्तर छोटा नागपुर और दक्षिण छोटा नागपुर और संथाल परगना यह सभी प्राधिकार पूर्ण रूप से निष्क्रिय हैं। प्रधानमंत्री जी के पिछले दौरे के बाद नयी उम्मीदें आई थी वहां के लोगों में कि प्रधानमंत्री जी के भ्रमण के बाद निर्देशों के बाद इस कार्यक्रम में तीव्रता लाई जाएगी लेकिन अभी तक इन सभी संस्थाओं का पुनर्गठन भी नहीं हुआ है जिससे वहां के लोगों में यह भावना फैलती जाती है कि सरकार के वायदे के बाद भी प्रधानमंत्री जी के निर्देश के बाद भी उनकी समस्याओं में कोई रुचि नहीं ली जाती है और इसी वजह से इस पृथकतावादी आन्दोलन को आज बल मिल रहा है और वह धीरे धीरे हिंसात्मक रूप लेता जा रहा है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इस संबंध में सरकार क्या सोच रही है?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am not aware of any meeting between the Home Minister and Dr. Munda but I can check this once again and convey it to the hon. Member. As far as the Government of India not taking any interest, I am afraid that is an uncharitable description of our interest in the matter. We are taking a lot of interest but as the hon. Member is certainly more aware than I am, these programmes have to be implemented by the State Governments. All that we can do is to work out a common programme which will help the area, suggest some administrative measures, give them some funds, approve certain plans, but the initiative for implementing these programmes must come from the State Governments. I am sure that the State Governments will respond to the demand made in this hon. House and elsewhere that they must move master and more effectively in redressing the grievances.

डा० जगन्नाथ मिश्र : फरवरी में नये मुख्य मंत्री के आने के बाद इस प्राधिकार की कार्यसमिति का पुनर्गठन नहीं हुआ है। नियमानुसार पांच पांच मंत्रियों... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति : हुआ है या नहीं हुआ है कैसे बताएंगे?

श्री जगन्नाथ मिश्र : अभी तक वहां कार्यसमिति इसलिए कार्यरत नहीं हुई है कि वहां के मुख्य मंत्री ने वहां की समिति का पुनर्गठन नहीं किया है। फरवरी से लेकर नवम्बर महीने तक जिस समिति की कार्य समिति कार्यरत नहीं होगी वहां की विकास योजनाएं कैसे चल सकती है क्या सरकार मुख्य मंत्री को हिदायत जारी करेगी कि वहां के विकास प्राधिकार को तीव्रता से पुनर्गठित कर दें।

श्री सभापति : क्या आप स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को कहेंगे?

श्री दरबारा सिंह : सवाल नं० यह है कि इस झारखंड के लोग इकोनोमिकली फिट होना चाहते हैं या अलाहिदा स्टेट चाहते हैं। सवाल कुछ और जवाब कुछ। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति : जब आपको टाइम मिलेगा तब बोलिए।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the Government of Bihar have informed us that on 2.3.88, a meeting of the Tribal Advisory Council was held at Ranchi under the Chairmanship of the

Chief Minister. A detailed programme was drawn up at that meeting. They have communicated to us a gist of the programme. I am confident that the Government of Bihar will implement the programme. I shall convey the views of the hon. Member to the Chief Minister of Bihar.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: There is no dispute about the question of removing the disparities or developing the area. But it is not a question of Bihar only because the area they claim for the Jharkhand State consists of areas falling in Bihar and also in the adjoining States, including West Bengal. Sir, the principle of autonomy is applicable, if it is applicable, only in the case of ethnic groups where they are in a majority. In large ports of the area they claim, the tribals are not in a majority. Now this movement is developing and they are resorting to violence and creating a law and order problem in different parts of the States. I would like to know whether the Government, while removing disparities or imbalances, is going to tell the leaders of the movement in plain terms that it is a divisive movement, a subversive movement since they want a separate State, it is clearly a separatist movement, and it is not possible for the Government to concede to this demand and that they should stop this movement, otherwise Government should take steps to see that law and order is not violated by this movement. At the same time I would like to know from the Government, since the election is round the corner, whether the Government is going to make a compromise with them for their narrow electoral ends.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, it is more an insinuation than a question. Let me say this very clearly. Sir, we are aware that...

SHRI V NARAYANASAMY: They have forgotten Gorkhaland.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: The area in which this movement has now gained some ground covers more than one State. But I do not think there has been any certainty about the area claimed for the so-called Jharkhand State. I do not want to say anything here which will give ideas to the people that you can claim this or not claim that. But we have written to all the four Chief Ministers concerned. We have made our position clear. We are not in support of the demand at all. And I do not think the hon. Member could attribute us something which I am standing here and denying. Let us deal with this as a situation which has arisen out of neglect of tribal people. It has to be dealt with on the political and economic planes. We will do it in our own way and in the manner it should be done rather than arousing passions and emotions.

श्री मोहम्मद अमीन: इन्होंने यह कहा कि इंडीविजुअल कैसे है। पश्चिम बंगाल विधान सभा के पिछले इलेक्शन में...(व्यवधान) मुख्य मोर्चा के साथ हाथ मिलाया था...(व्यवधान)

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: This is absolutely wrong.

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Sir, before I put my supplementary, I would like to make a small observation. The erstwhile anti-national Subash Gheising is now having a honey-moon with CPM before the Council elections in Darjeeling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are not interested in that. You can have a honey-moon in the Central Hall.

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: They are having a very colourful honeymoon, Sir. Now I am putting my supplementary.

I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is aware of the fact that in the name of containing the Jharkhand movement in West Bengal, thousands of young men belonging to the Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribe com-

munities are being persecuted and tortured by the local police administration which is further compelling them to carry on this agitation just for the sake of shelter. I would therefore, like to know from the hon. Minister if his Ministry is contemplating taking up this issue with the State Government of West Bengal to ensure that these people are not further driven into this movement, being the victims of State persescution and terrrorism. (*Interruption*). The reply should come from the Minister, not from you.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, we are not aware of any large scale persecution of youngmen and women in the area. But, I am aware that certain extreme left groups have joined hands with the erstwhile Jharkhand Party and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha in forming the JCC. These extreme leftist groups draw their membership and strength from young men and women. Why do young men and women join these extreme left groups is a matter to be studied carefully both by the Central Government and the State Government, and I am sure when I take up the hon. Member's suggestions with the Chief Minister of West Bengal, he will co-operate with us in studying why young men and women are attracted towards extreme left groups.

श्री दरबारा सिंह: चेयरमैन साहब, मैं सिर्फ यही अर्ज करना चाहता हूं कि आया वहां का सवाल जो है वह सिर्फ डिवेलपमेंट के लिए इकनामिकली, पोलिटीकली फिट होने के लिए है या सिर्फ इसलिए है कि वहां उसकी सेपेरेशन चाहते हैं? सवाल पहले कौन सा है, आया वह चीफ मिनिस्टर लगे हुए हैं या नहीं लगे हुए हैं वह तो अलगहिदा बात है और यहां से उनको हिदायत होनी चाहिए कि उसको इकनामिकली फिट करें लेकिन क्या उसके पीछे यह पालिटीकल सवाल नहीं है कि वह अलगहिदा हिस्सा चाहते हैं और हिन्दुस्तान को खंड करना चाहते हैं?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I don't think it is correct to use the word "separatism" because I don't think the demand is separation from the Indian Union. As far as we are able to understand the demand, it is to carve out a separate State within the Indian Union with certain territories of the four States. But, as I said earlier, we don't think that that is an answer to the problem. Therefore we do not support it. They also raised a certain demand based on the theory of sub-notionalities. But, I think, basically the problem arises because of the neglect of the tribal people, exploitation of the tribal people and not allowing them to reap the benefits of economic progress. So, the answer really is both political and economic. We must find political and economic answers to the legitimate grievances and aspirations of the tribal people.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, there can be no question of supporting the demand for a separate Jharkhand State. It is very clear. But there is another aspect also. It has been referred to by the Minister. It is the aspect of neglect exploitation, sub-human exploitation of these peole all over the State. There are reasons. It is for the Government to find out the reasons why these tribal nationality or subnationaly problems are coming up in a big way all over the country. It cannot be dealt with by the police and the administration. If anybody anywhere in the country thinks that it can be dealt with by the police and the military with the rule of thumb, I am afraid, the situation will be aggravating itself. Therefore, I would like the Government to tell this. We are facing a difficult situation. It is also linked with the question session.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I would like the Government to tell us that the Government is ready to sit with State Governments to draw up a time-bound programme for the

uplift of this category of people and also to give them opportunity to find their own identity. It is a question of finding their own identity. Therefore the Government must take up the responsibility itself in cooperation with the States to find a real solution. It is not a question of saying no to the State. The question is, the Government must find out . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you do it?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Yes, on a time-bound programme.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM. Sir, we are ready. We have commended a programme. I wish you will ask the hon. Member whether he will do it, Sir.

Reduction of excise and import duty on raw materials for synthetic fibre Industry

*104. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:$

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the synthetic fibre industry has urged the Central Government for the reduction of excise and import duties on raw materials required by them; and

(b) if so, what is Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JIT PANJA): (a) Representations have been received from trade associations requesting for reduction in import duty on certain raw materials used in the manufature of synthetic fibres.

(b) A decision in this regard will be taken having regard to revenue and other considerations.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chandrika Prasad Tripathi.

श्री चन्द्रिका प्रसाद त्रिपाठी : माननीय सभापति जी, हमारे भारतवर्ष में कच्चे माल की व्यवस्था न होने के कारण विदेशों से यह आता है और इसका उपयोग आम जनता के बीच में होने लगा है।

तो इसमें कमी करने की आवश्यकता है या उत्पादन बढ़ाने की देश में आवश्यकता है, यह तो इंडस्ट्री का मामला है लेकिन इसको कम करने के लिए शासन ने कोई नीति निर्धारित की है या नहीं?

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Sir, regarding increase of production, the Minister of Industry would be a better Minister to answer. But, as we find today, indigenous production is being done—DMT by three companies, PTA by one company, MEG by two companies and caprolactum by one company—in the country.. (*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary....You don't want? Prof. Lakshmanna.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please speak from your own seat.

SHRI M: S. GURUPADASWAMY: He has joined us!

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is in a hurry to join you.... (*Interruptions*)....

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir, there have been several concessions given to the synthetic fibre industry and, as a result, the cotton growers and weavers have been badly hit. There had been an incident of nine weavers committing suicide and, earlier, there was the instance of some farmers committing suicide. This is because there has been undue encouragement to the synthetic fibre industry at the cost of natural fibre, namely, cotton. Therefore, I would like to know from the Minister whether he will keep this in mind while giving additional facilities, concessions, etc., by way of reduction in duties.